

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended). An apparatus for installing and removing a harvesting combine rotor comprising:

a harvesting combine including a frame portion having a front end, the frame portion supporting a threshing rotor contained in a body located rearwardly of the front end, a cab supported at a predetermined location on the front end forwardly of the body containing the rotor, and a linkage assembly operatively connected to the frame portion, a cab operatively connected to the linkage assembly to allow the cab to be raised and to the cab so as to be movable for raising the cab relative to the frame portion to create a space underneath the cab to allow the installation of the rotor in the body through the space and removal of a combine the rotor from the body through the space.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the linkage assembly is rotatably connected to the frame portion so as to be movable relative thereto from a down position to an up position for raising the cab generally above the predetermined location on the front end for creating the space.

Claim 3 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of cab support mounts operatively connected to the linkage assembly wherein the cab is mounted on the plurality of support mounts wherein the combine further includes a feeder housing located below the cab and movable upwardly and downwardly, and a support rod for coupling the linkage assembly to the feeder housing for raising and lowering the linkage assembly by the upward and downward movement of the feeder housing.

Claim 4 (currently amended). An apparatus for installing and removing a harvesting combine rotor comprising:

a harvesting combine including a body ~~and supported on~~ a frame portion, the frame portion including a front end disposed forwardly of the body, a cab disposed above the front end forwardly of the body, the body being adapted for receiving the combine rotor through a front end thereof, a linkage assembly operatively connected to the frame portion, a ~~and to the cab spaced apart from the body and operatively connected to a linkage assembly to allow the cab to be raised and operatively movable for raising the cab above the front end sufficiently to allow the installation and removal of a~~ combine the rotor through the front end of the body underneath the cab.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the ~~rotor is installed and removed through a front end portion of the body~~ linkage assembly comprises a plurality of link members, each of the link members having a first end pivotally connected to the frame portion and an opposite second end supporting the cab, the second ends of the link members being pivotable upwardly about the first ends thereof for raising the cab above the front end for allowing installation and removal of the rotor.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the ~~combine further includes a housing having~~ body has a front wall and wherein the rotor includes a front end and a back end, the front end of the rotor being located adjacent the front wall of a ~~housing~~ the body and the rear end of the rotor extending upward from the front end.

Claim 7 (currently amended). An apparatus for removing a rotor from a harvesting combine comprising:

a harvesting combine including a housing and a frame portion, a linkage assembly located forwardly of the housing and operatively connected to the frame portion, a rotor disposed within the housing, and a cab is located forwardly of the housing and operatively connected to the linkage assembly to allow the cab to be raised while remaining at least substantially forwardly of the housing to allow the removal of the rotor from the combine underneath the cab.

Claim 8 (currently amended). A method of installing a rotor in a harvesting combine comprising:

providing a harvesting combine including a housing and a frame portion having a front end, a linkage assembly operatively connected to the front end of the frame portion, a cab spaced apart from disposed in front of the housing and operatively connected to a the linkage assembly;

moving the linkage assembly for raising the cab to an up position; and
installing a rotor in the housing by passage underneath the cab when in the up position.

Claim 9 (currently amended). The method of claim 8 wherein the rotor is installed underneath the cab linkage assembly comprises a four bar linkage.

Claim 10 (currently amended). A method of removing a rotor from a harvesting combine comprising:

providing a harvesting combine including a housing and a frame portion having a front end, a linkage assembly operatively connected to the front end of the frame portion, a rotor disposed within the housing, a cab operatively connected to the linkage assembly; moving the linkage assembly for raising the cab to an up position; and removing the rotor from the housing by passage underneath the cab when in the up position.

Claim 11 (currently amended). The method of claim 10 wherein the ~~rotor is removed underneath the cab~~ linkage assembly comprises a four bar linkage.

Claim 12 (new). The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the linkage assembly comprises a four bar linkage.

Claim 13 (new). The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the linkage assembly comprises a four bar linkage.

Claim 14 (new). The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the linkage assembly comprises a four bar linkage.